Six laning of NH-5

4680. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that six laning of the NH-5 in Andhra Pradesh would involve the eviction and displacement of nearly 60,000 people;

(b) whether it is a fact that a representation has been received by the NHAI to carefully consider this proposal of expansion through crowded and populated villages in West Godawari, East Godawari and Krishna districts;

(c) the suggestion made in the representation from Road Safety Forum;

(d) whether Government would review alternate roads and develop alternate system to avoid displacement; and

(e) the steps proposed to reach a consensus on this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The entire length of N-5 in Andhra Pradesh is proposed to be taken up for six laning under NHDP Phase-V. However, impact of this on eviction and displacement of people has not been assessed.

(b) to (e) Yes, Sir. A representation has been received from Shri B.B. Ramaiah, Ex-Member of Parliament suggesting an alternative road of Gundulgolanu-Kovur-Rajahmundry road for 6 laning, instead of the existing National Highway through Gundugolanu, Tanuku, Tadepalligudem, Ravulappalem, Rajahmundry Road. The above proposal is under examination.

Killing of youth in road accidents

4681. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that WHO report on Youth and Road Safety has revealed that road accident are killing more youths of 15—19 years old than disease mainly in the low and middle income countries including India;